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The invention relates to a microorganism growth substrate which comprises a sterile nutrient composition derived from the biomass of a culture of bacteria including methanotrophic bacteria and further containing at least one sterile nutrient. A preferred biomass material is that derived from a microbial culture comprising *Methylococcus* capsulates (*Bath*) (strain NCIMB 11132), *Ralstonia* sp. DB3 (strain NCIMB 13287) and *Brevibacillus agri* DB5 (strain NCIMB 13289), optionally in combination with *Aneurinibacillus* sp. DB4 (strain NCIMB 13288).